

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4, 8 and 15-18 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1-3, 5, 7 and 12-14 as follows:

Claim 1. (currently amended): A flip-top can opener comprising:

a length of rigid material;

a wedge-shaped head located at a ~~distal~~ distal end of the length of rigid material, the wedge-shaped head having a first surface, a second surface, and an intersecting edge defined by the first and second surfaces; and

a hook extending from the length of rigid material proximate to ~~located near~~ the wedge-shaped head, and the hook being configured to engage an edge a portion of a rim of a flip-top can such that when the flip-top can opener is pivoted about the edge portion of the can rim, the wedge-shaped head intersecting edge engages a lid of the can in a manner that substantially removes a portion of the lid of the can disposed between an opening and the rim enlarges an opening of the flip-top can,

wherein a fluid in the can flows through an enlarged opening of the can.

Claim 2. (currently amended): The flip-top can opener of claim 1, wherein the ~~wedge-shaped head comprises:~~

~~a first surface which resides in a first plane; and~~

~~a second surface which resides in a second plane, and the first and second plane surfaces intersect at an angle between 65 and 145 degrees to each other, thereby defining the intersecting edge.~~

Claim 3. (currently amended): The flip-top can opener of claim 1, wherein the ~~wedge-shaped head comprises:~~

~~a first surface which resides in a first plane; and~~

~~a second surface which resides in a second plane, and the first and second plane surfaces intersect at an angle of about 105 degrees to each other, thereby defining the intersecting edge.~~

Claim 4. (canceled)

Claim 5. (currently amended): The flip-top can opener of claim 1, wherein the wedge-shaped head is not flush against the ~~distal~~ distal end of the flip-top can opener length of rigid material ~~but leaves a gap of space at the distal end~~, wherein the length of rigid material between the distal end and the wedge-shaped head is used to lift a portion of a tab of the flip-top can.

Claim 6. (Original): The flip-top can opener of claim 1, further comprising:

a tapered end configured to slip under a finger tab on the flip-top can in order to bend the finger tab upwardly thereby opening the flip-top can.

Claim 7. (currently amended): The flip-top can opener of claim 1, further comprising:

a modified end opposite the distal end, the modified end having an extending portion, an insertion portion, and a hook, the extending portion angularly extending away from the length of rigid material, the insertion portion disposed at the free end of the extending portion, and the hook angularly depending away from the modified end generally in the same direction as the extending portion, configured to open both non-flip-top cans and bottles, wherein the hook engages a portion of the rim of the can such that the can opener pivots about the portion of the rim and the insertion portion creates an opening in the lid of the can, or wherein the hook engages a portion of a cap of a bottle such that the can opener pivots about the portion of the cap in a manner that the modified end removes the cap from the bottle.

Claim 8. (canceled)

Claim 9. (Original): The flip-top can opener of claim 1, wherein the rigid material is a plastic.

Claim 10. (Original): The flip-top can opener of claim 1, wherein the rigid material is a metal.

Claim 11. (Original): The flip-top can opener of claim 1, wherein the rigid material is a composite.

Claim 12. (currently amended): A flip-top can opener comprising:

~~a church key style can and bottle opener~~ modified end having an extending portion, an insertion portion, and a hook, the extending portion angularly extending away from the length of rigid material, the insertion portion disposed at the free end of the extending portion, and the hook angularly depending away from the modified end generally in the same direction as the extending portion, wherein the modified end is adapted to ~~configured to open~~ for creating an opening in a lid of a ~~both non-flip-top cans and bottles;~~
and

~~a wedge-shaped head attached to the modified end and protruding from the modified end generally in the same direction as the hook, a bottle opening end of the church key style can and bottle opener, the wedge-shaped head having a first surface, a second surface, and an intersecting edge defined by the first and second surfaces, wherein the hook engages a portion of a rim of the flip-top can such that when the flip-top can opener is pivoted about the portion of the rim, the intersecting edge engages the lid of the can in a manner that substantially removes a portion of the lid of the can disposed between the opening and the rim wherein a fluid in the can flows through an enlarged opening of the can.~~

Claim 13. (currently amended): The flip-top can opener of claim 12, wherein the wedge-shaped head is attached to the modified end ~~bottle opening end of the church key style can and bottle opener~~ by welding the wedge-shaped head to the ~~bottle opening~~ modified end.

Claim 14. (currently amended): The flip-top can opener of claim 12, wherein the wedge-shaped head is attached to the modified end ~~bottle opening end of the church key style can and bottle opener~~ by gluing the wedge-shaped head to the modified end.

Claims 15-18 (canceled)

Please add new claims 19-21 as follows:

Claim 19. (new): A method for opening a can, comprising:

. engaging a rim portion of the can with a hook member of a can opener;

enlarging an opening of a lid of the can by pivoting the can opening about the rim portion, wherein a protrusion of the can opener removes a portion of the lid extending from a periphery of the opening towards the rim portion.

Claim 20. (new): The method as in claim 19, wherein the protrusion is wedge-shaped and is disposed proximate to the hook member.

Claim 21. (new): The method as in claim 19, wherein the can opener further comprises a lifting member proximate the protrusion.